GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SRAVANA SAKA WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since reviewed the projected withdrawal of subsidies with respect of different sectors, including petroleum products, fertilisers and others affecting the interests and subsistence of the poor; and

(b) If so, the scheme-wise projections in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): In Budget 2000-01, the Government has announced (videpara 10 of Budget Speech) that all subsidies will be reviewed with a view to bringing in cost-based user charges, wherever feasible. The review is being done by the expenditure Reforms Commission.